(2) Soda Ash (Fused-95.4%).

(3) Ammonium Sulphate.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. These guidelines fixed by The Fertilizers And Chemicals Travancore Limited relate to:

(1) The price of the product.

(2) Channels of sales.

(3) Arrangements for payments

(4) Arrangement for transportation.

The price of Ammonium Sulphate was regulated under Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 upto 24th July, 1991. This has been decontrolled since 25th July, 1991 and the prices of Caprolactum and its co-products and by-products are determined by The Fertilizers And Chemicals Travancore Limited from time to time taking into account the cost of production, market forces and interest of consumers.

Shifting of Headquarters of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

4807. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:
SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation are located in Eastern part of the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to shift the Headquarters of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation to Calcutta; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No decision has been taken in this regard.

Funds for Development of Backward Areas of Karnataka

4808. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka have approached the Union Government for financial assistance for economic development of backward areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds sanctioned by the Planning Commission; and

(d) the time by which the funds are likely to be released;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d). State Government of Karnataka had requested for sanction of Rs. 130 crores as additional Central assistance during the Seventh Plan for the Development of Hyderabad-Karnataka region and also Rs. 20 crores immediately for 1985-86 for the development of Gulbarga Division. The Planning Commission in its reply in September, 1986 stated that Central assistance to State Plan was given in the form of block grants, and it has no other mechanism to extend assistance to the State Plan. It was also stated that the development of backward areas within the State was the reponsibility of the State Government.

1. In January 1991, the State Government requested the Planning Commission 'to extend a special assistance of Rs. 350 crores for the coordinated and harmonious